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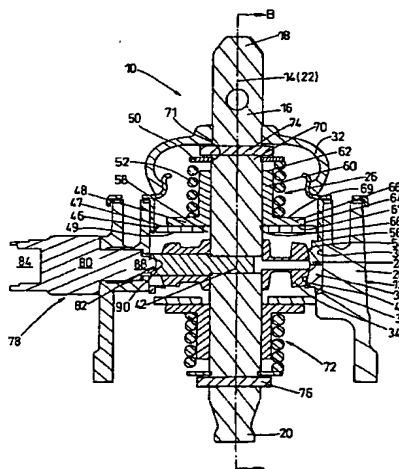
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(57) Abstract: A shift lever mechanism (10) comprises a housing (12), having a longitudinal axis (14), and a lever (16), having a first end (18), a second end (20) and a longitudinal axis (22). The mechanism (10) further comprises pivoting means (24) adapted to facilitate pivoting of the lever (16) into predetermined positions. The mechanism (10) further comprises lever position indication means (78) operable to indicate disposal of the lever in one or more positions, and resilient means (92), operable to provide resistance to displacement of the lever (16) into a predetermined restricted position. The pivoting means (24) is attached to the lever (16) and is disposed in a retaining cup (38), being operable to pivot therein. The retaining cup (38) is disposed in the housing (12). The lever position indication means (78) and the resilient means being disposed on the pivoting means (24).